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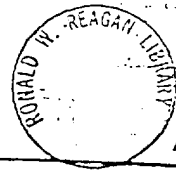
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Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained from [REDACTED]. The latter stated that in late April 1980 the burial site of a possible U.S. missing in action person was uncovered in Xieng Khoang Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF POSSIBLE MISSING IN ACTION BURIAL SITE IN XIENG KHOANG PROVINCE

TEXT: 1. [Headquarters Comment: The following information is being submitted because of interest in a possible U.S. personnel missing in action (MIA) sighting, although the information as given here is incomplete. A request [redacted] for further information was negative, and probably no further information can be developed at this time.]

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[redacted] Should any new information on this sighting become available, it will be provided to you.]

2. In late April 1980, while a group of Lao was excavating ground at an agricultural project at Latsen {UG0938} in Xieng Khoang Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic {LPDR}, human remains in still recognizable flight clothing were uncovered. The finding of the remains was not reported to LPDR authorities, and the remains were reburied at the original location. A few days later a female Lao villager named {(Toun)} at Ban Nakho {TG9656}, Pex {aka Phonsavan} District, Xieng Khouang Province, said that a helicopter had been downed in the area about eight or nine kilometers east of Latsen in 1968 and that its crew consisted of one "U.S. pilot and three Royal Lao Army {FAR} soldiers," all of whom had been taken prisoner by the Communist Lao and North Vietnamese forces. The "U.S. pilot" reportedly was seriously injured and he was carried away on a stretcher to a location near the Nam {Stream} Sai at Latsen, where he was allegedly "shot to death" and buried. The villager said that the downed helicopter bore the number "XL-50316."

3. [redacted] Comment: The burial site was located about 10 meters south of the employees' barracks and a few meters southwest of the building used as the kitchen at the agricultural project. Soviet advisors assigned to this project were housed about 100 meters upstream on the Nam Sai.]

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